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B: Objectos han caído o líquido ha sido derramado dentro del aparato; o

C: El aparato ha sido expuesto a la lluvia; o

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E: El aparato ha sido tirado o su cubierta ha sido dañada.

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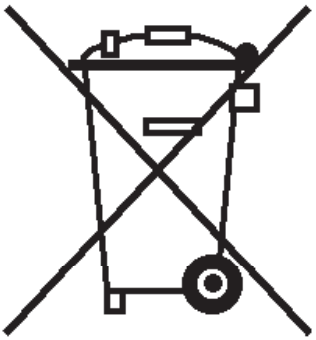

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1. Specifications

Distance from Switch to SAMs: Up to 100 ft. (30 m)

Resolution: Up to 1600 x 12000 @ 85 Hz

Server Operating Systems: Windows®, Novell®, Linux®, Sun® Solaris®

System Cable: CAT5 UTP/FTP solid wire 24 AWG

Connectors: Ethernet: (1) RJ-45, 10/100 Mbps autosensing
RPS: (1) RJ-45;
KVM: (2) HDD15 for monitors, (2) USB for keyboard and mouse;
Servers: KVM2016A: (16) RJ-45,
KVM2032A: (32) RJ-45;
KV1120A: VGA: (1) HDD15;
Keyboard/Mouse: (1) 6-pin mini-DIN;
System: (1) RJ-45;
KV1121A: VGA: (1) HDD15;
Keyboard/Mouse: (1) USB;
System: (1) RJ-45

Temperature Tolerance: Operating: 32 to 104° F (0 to 40° C);
Storage: -40 to +158° F (-40 to +70° C)

Relative Humidity: 80%, noncondensing

Power: Input: KVM2016A, KVM2032A: 120–240 VAC. 0.8 A, 50/60 Hz;
KV1120A: from keyboard port;
KV1121A: from USB port

Size: KVM2016A: 1.7"H x 17"W x 10"D (4.4 x 43.1 x 2.7 cm);
KVM2032A: 1.7"H x 17"W x 10"D (4.4 x 43.1 x 2.7 cm);
KV1120A, KV1121A: 0.21"H x 0.08"W x 0.08"D (0.53 x 0.2 x 0.2 cm)

Weight: KVM2016A: 5.2 lb. (2.3 kg);
KVM2032A: 5.2 lb. (2.3 kg);
KV1120A, KV1121A: 0.2 lb. (0.1 kg)

Shipping Weight: KV1120A, KV1121A: 0.38 lb. (0.17 kg)

2. Overview

2.1 Introduction

The ServSwitch Multiuser 2 Users x 16 Ports (KVM2016A) or the ServSwitch Multiuser 2 Users x 32 Ports (KVM2032A) extends your KVM (keyboard, video, and mouse) from servers with PS/2 or USB interfaces up to 100 feet (30 m) away. Two users can control, monitor, and manage up to 16 or 32 servers simultaneously. You can connect a power distribution unit (PDU) for power management.

The KVM2016A and KVM2032A are functionally the same, except the KVM2016A connects to 16 servers and the KVM2032A links to 32 servers.

The ServSwitch units provide secure KVM access and control for up to 16 or 32 computers/servers from the BIOS level—and they are independent of the operating system.

With innovative SAM technology, the computer/server connects directly to the switch via SAM dongles using only standard CAT5 cable at a distance up to 100 feet (30 m) in a star configuration. No external power is required at the SAM.

2.2 Front Panel

Figure 2-1 shows the KVM2016A and KVM2032A front panels and Table 2-1 describes their components.

Figure 2-1. KVM2016A or KVM2032A's front panel.

Table 2-1. Front panel components.

Number	Component	Description
1	Power LED	Lights when unit is powered on
2	Link LED	Lights when the unit is connected to the network
3	Local LEDs 1 and 2	Lights when the corresponding user is administrating a target.

2.3 Back Panel

Figures 2-3 and 2-4 illlustrate the KVM2016A and KVM2032A back panels and Table 2-2 describes their components.

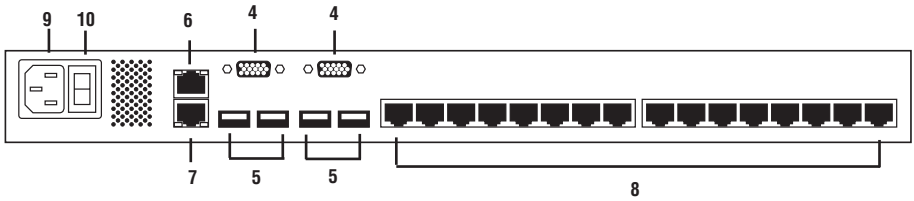


Figure 2-3. KVM2016A's back panel.

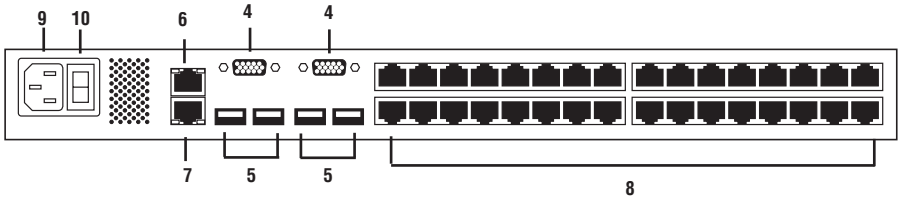


Figure 2-4. KVM2032A's back panel.

Table 2-2. Back panel components.

Number	Component	Description
4	User 1 and User 2 HD15 connectors	Connect monitors for (2) users to operate the ServSwitch.
5	User 1 and User 2 USB Type A connectors	Connect keyboards and mice for (2) users to operate the ServSwitch.
6	RJ-45 connector RPS port	Serial remote power switch port (reserved for future use).
7	RJ-45 connector for Config port	Connect to 10/100 Mbps Ethernet to configure and update the unit.
8	(16) or (32) RJ-45 server ports	Link to servers via SAMs.
9	Power connector	Connect 120 VAC power.
10	I/O power switch	Turns power on or off.

2.4 What's Included

Your package should include the following items. If anything is missing or damaged, please contact Black Box Technical Support at 724-746-5500.

- KVM2016A or KVM2032A
- Rackmounting kit
- Power cord
- A printed Quick Start Guide
- This User's Manual on CD-ROM

2.5 Features

The ServSwitch Multiuser is compatible with all major operating systems. It supports advanced OSD management with multi-layer security for local users. Plus, the ServSwitch features seamless power control.

2.6 Compatibility

The ServSwitch Multiuser works with:

- PS/2 or USB interface computers/servers
- VGA, SVGA, or XGA monitors (UXGA and higher)
- Windows, Linux, and other major operating systems

3. Pre-Installation Guidelines

- Place cables away from fluorescent lights, air conditioners, and machines that are likely to generate electric noise.
- Place the ServSwitch Multiuser on a flat, clean, and dry surface or install it in a rack.
- Make sure that the maximum distance between each computer and the ServSwitch doesn't exceed 100 feet (30 m).

3.1 Avoiding General Rackmount Problems

Elevated operating ambient temperature:

The rack environment's operating ambient temperature may be greater than the room ambient temperature when installing it into a closed or multi-unit rack assembly. Install the equipment in an environment that's compatible with the maximum rated ambient temperature.

Reduced airflow:

Install the equipment in a rack so that the amount of airflow required for safe operation is not compromised. Leave a gap of at least 2" (5 cm) on each side of the ServSwitch.

Mechanical loading:

Do not create a hazardous condition caused by uneven mechanical loading. Mount the equipment in the rack safely.

Circuit overloading:

When connecting the equipment to the supply circuit, do not overload circuits. If you do, over-current protection and supply wiring might fail.

Maintain reliable earth grounding for the rackmounted equipment. Check supply connections for power strips that are not connected directly to the branch circuit.

3.2 Rackmounting the ServSwitch

Using the included rackmount kit, rackmount the ServSwitch Multiuser unit. You can place the brackets in two possible positions, shown in Figure 3-1.

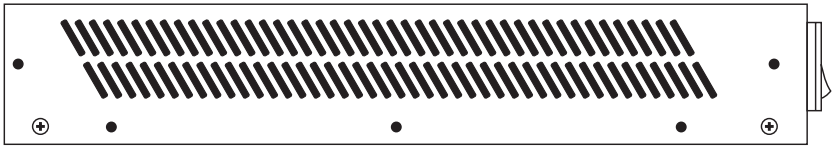


Figure 3-1. Bracket positions.

Place the brackets towards the unit's front so you can mount the unit facing the front, or place the brackets towards the unit's rear so you can mount the unit facing the rear. Figure 3-2 illustrates the bracket connected in the rear-facing position. Using the included screws, screw the bracket to the ServSwitch Multiuser.

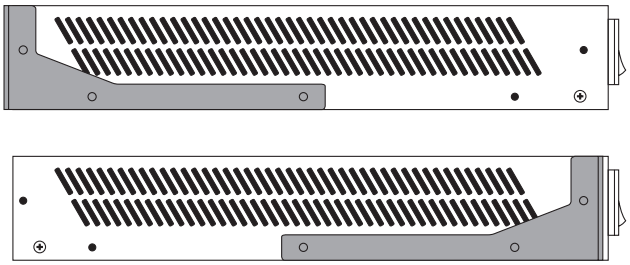


Figure 3-2. Bracket connected.

4. Connecting the System

Figure 4-1 illlustrates the ServSwitch Multiuser system overview.

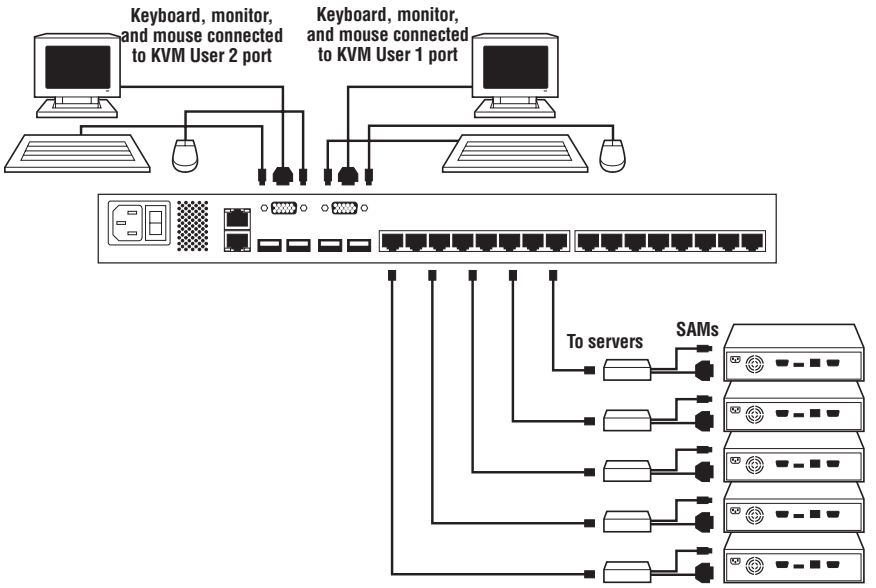


Figure 4-1. ServSwitch Multiuser system overview.

4.1 The SAMs

Each computer/server is directly connected to the ServSwitch Multiuser via the appropriate SAM using CAT5 cable in a star configuration. No external power is needed at the SAMs. They draw their power from the computer's keyboard port (SAM PS/2) or from the USB port (SAM USB). Figures 4-2 and 4-3 show the SAM PS/2 and the SAM USB.

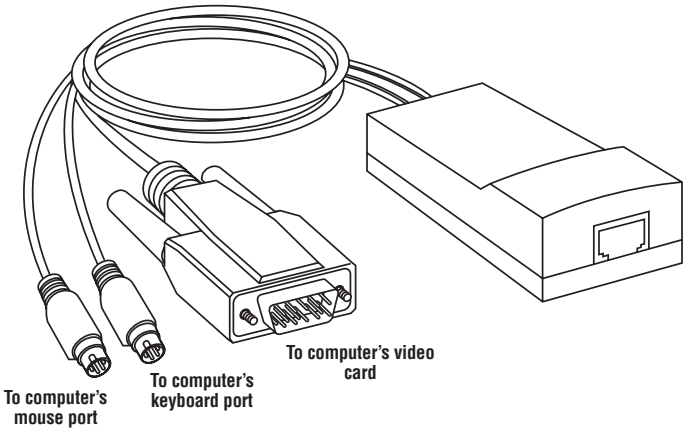


Figure 4-2. SAM PS/2 (KV1120A).

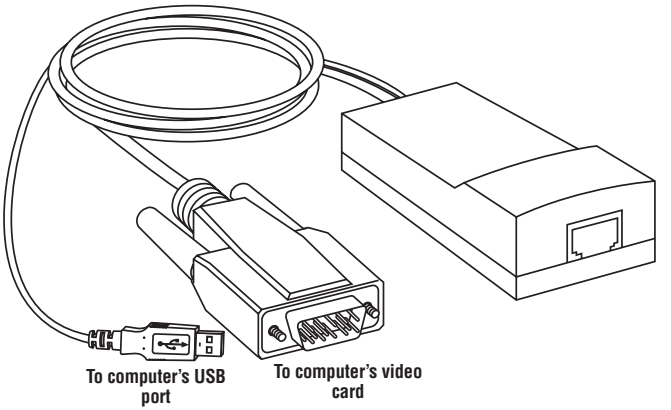


Figure 4-3. SAM USB (KV1121A).

1. Switch off the server.
2. Connect the SAM PS/2. Figure 4-4 illustrates the SAM PS/2 connections.
3. Power on the server.

You can connect the SAM PS/2 to a powered on computer in the following order:

1. Connect the mouse connector to the computer's mouse port.

2. Connect the keyboard connector to the computer's keyboard port.

3. Connect the screen connector to the computer's video port.

If you don't follow the order listed above when connecting while the server is running, the mouse may not function correctly until you reboot the server.

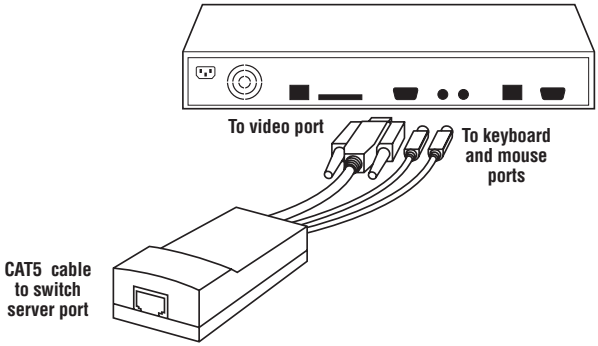


Figure 4-4. SAM PS/2 connections (KV1120A).

4.1.2 Connecting a SAM USB

The SAM USB supports Windows 98 SE and later, MAC, SUN, and SGI, and all modern Linux distributions. Figure 4-5 shows the SAM USB and its connections.

To connect the SAM USB:

1. Connect the screen connector to the computer's video port.

2. Connect the USB connector to the computer's USB port.

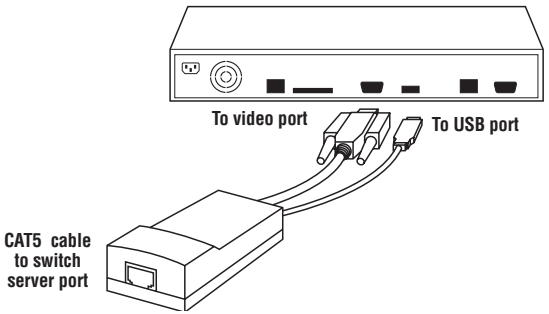


Figure 4-5. SAM USB (KV1121A).

4.2 Connecting the CAT5 Cables

1. Attach one connector to the SAM's RJ-45 port.
2. Connect the other connector to one of the ServSwitch Multiuser's ports.
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 for each computer.

4.3 Connecting the Two KVM Consoles

Connect a keyboard, monitor, and mouse to the user 1 and user 2 ports as follows:

1. Connect the monitor connectors to the monitor ports.
2. Connect the keyboard connectors to the keyboard ports.
3. Connect the mouse connectors to the mouse ports.

4.4 Connecting to the Power Supply

1. Using the included power cord, connect the ServSwitch Multiuser to a socket outlet that has a grounding connection. Use only the power cord you received with the unit.
2. Switch on the unit.

5. Configuring the System

Configuring the system includes assigning server names, user and security settings, and maintenance.

5.1 Connecting to the Local Area Network (LAN)

Configure the unit via a web interface. Connect a network cable to the LAN port of the ServSwitch Multiuser.

5.2 Setting Network Parameters via the OSD

By default, the ServSwitch Multiuser boots with an automatically assigned IP address from a Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) server on the network. The DHCP server provides a valid IP address, gateway address, and subnet mask.

You can identify the IP address from the OSD. Where there is no DHCP server, set the IP address via the OSD as follows:

1. From the local keyboard, press left Shift twice. The OSD Main window appears. See Figure 5-1.

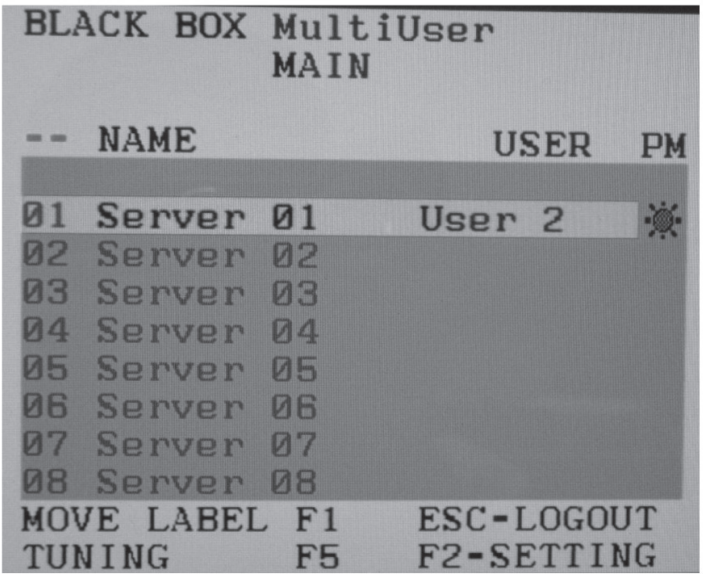


Figure 5-1. Main menu.

2. Press F2. The Settings window appears. See Figure 5-2.

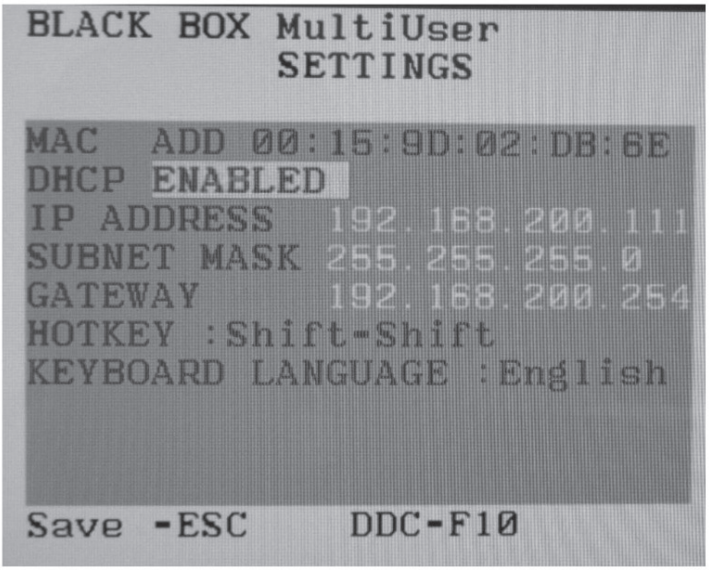


Figure 5-2. Settings window.

Using the Tab key, navigate downwards in the Settings window. At the bottom of the window, press the Tab key to go to the top of the window. To change settings, type in the selected area or press the spacebar.

5.3 Changing the Network Parameters

DHCP enable—When a DHCP server is active on the same network that the ServSwitch Multiuser is connected to, DHCP provides automatic IP assignment. This is displayed in the OSD.

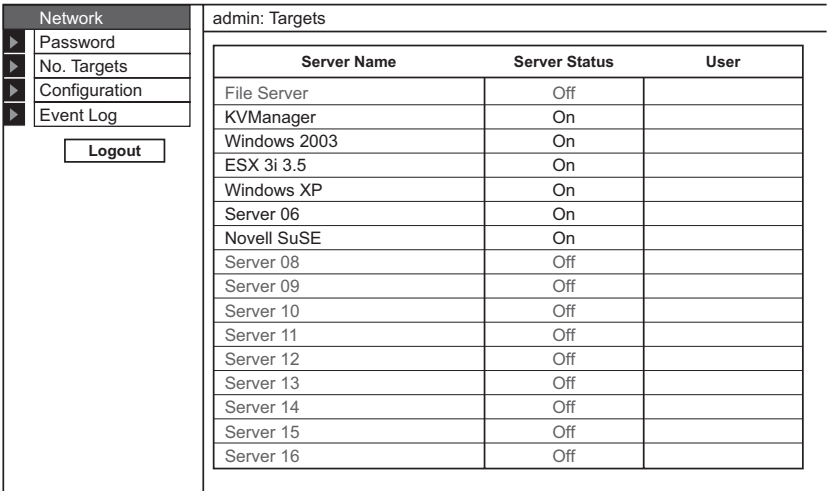
DHCP disabled (recommended)—You can assign a fixed IP address to the ServSwitch Multiuser. Consult your network administrator about using the DHCP.

When DHCP is disabled, enter the IP address, subnet mask, and gateway as given by your network administrator.

Once the IP address is correct, press Esc twice to save changes and restart the unit. As explained below, you can now log in to the web interface to complete the configuraton.

6. Web Configuration

1. Open your web browser.
2. Type the ServSwitch Multiuser's system IP address: http or https://IP address/ and press Enter. The login page appears.
3. Type the default administrator user name—admin—and password—access—(both lower case).
4. Press Enter. The web interface opens at the Targets page. See Figure 6-1.



Server Name	Server Status	User
File Server	Off	
KVManager	On	
Windows 2003	On	
ESX 3i 3.5	On	
Windows XP	On	
Server 06	On	
Novell SuSE	On	
Server 08	Off	
Server 09	Off	
Server 10	Off	
Server 11	Off	
Server 12	Off	
Server 13	Off	
Server 14	Off	
Server 15	Off	
Server 16	Off	

Figure 6-1. Targets page.

Columns:

Server name—You can change the server name in the configuration settings to give the server a name you can identify.

Server status—Server status can be on, off, or busy (when a user is accessing the server).

User—The current user (if any) accessing the server.

From the Targets page menu—see Figure 1—an administrator can:

- Change the password
- Reach the configuration pages
- See an event log (explained in Chapter 17)

Changing the Password

To change the password, from the menu click Password, and Figure 6-2 appears.

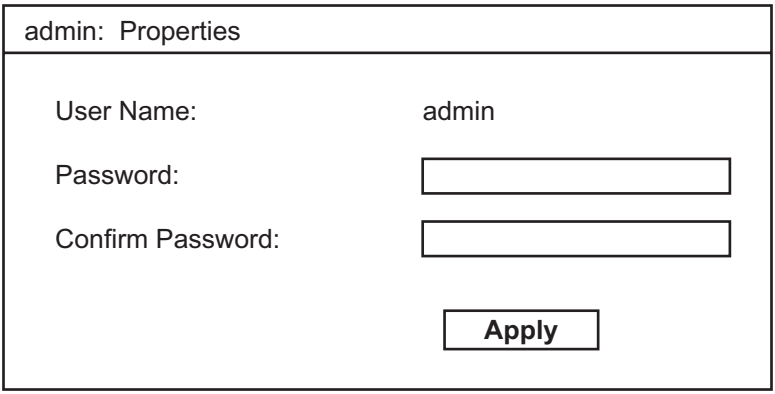


Figure 6-2. Properties.

Type a new password according to the password policy set—see Chapter 9.

7. Network Configuration

From the menu, click Configuration. The Network > Configuration page appears (see Figure 7-1).

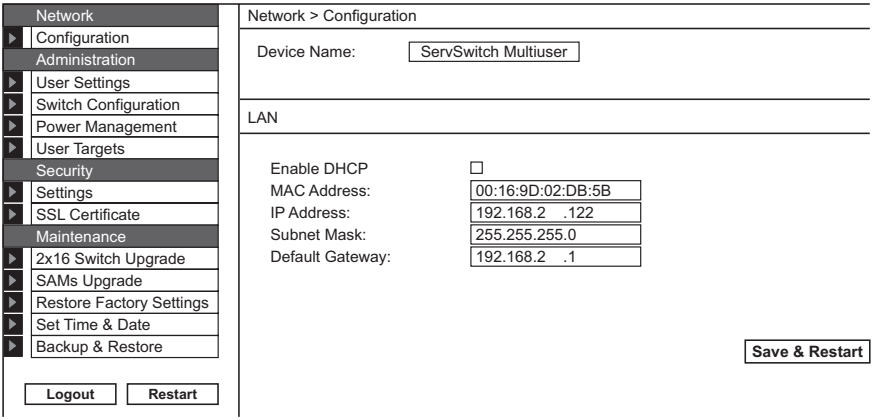


Figure 7-1. Network > Configuration page.

Consult your network administrator for the network settings.

Device name - Type a name for the ServSwitch Multiuser.

LAN

The LAN section contains the following (see Figure 7-1):

Enable DHCP — When a DHCP server is active on the same network to which the ServSwitch is connected, DHCP provides automatic IP assignment.

When DHCP is disabled (Recommended) – You can assign a fixed IP address to the ServSwitch.

Consult your Network Administrator about using the DHCP.

When DHCP is disabled, enter the IP Address, Subnet Mask, and Default Gateway for LAN, as given to you by your Network Administrator.

These parameters can be configured locally from the OSD as explained in Section 5.2.

7.2 Administration > User Settings

From the menu, click User Settings. The User settings screen appears as shown in Figure 7-2.

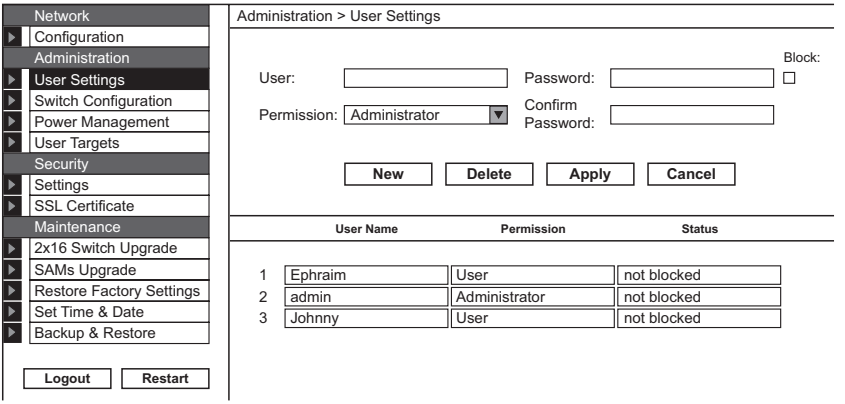


Figure 7-2. User settings.

On this page an Administrator creates or deletes users.

There are 3 levels of user access:

- Administrator
- User
- View only

Administrator

An Administrator has unrestricted access to all windows and settings. An Administrator can change the name and password and server access permissions of all users.

User

A User can access/control permitted servers. A User has no access to the web configuration interface.

View only

View only can view the screen of the currently accessed server without keyboard and mouse control.

7.2.1 Adding a User

To add a user:

1. Click on the New button and type a name and a password. The password must be at least 6 characters— letters or numbers—and must not include the user name, even if other characters are added.

NOTE: The following "special" characters: &, <, >, " cannot be used for either the user name or password.

Depending on the security level chosen, the user name and password parameters are different. See Chapter 9.

2. Select the permission type from the Permission box.

3. Click on the Apply button. The user appears in the list of users. The Permission column shows the user level (Administrator, User, View Only). The Status column shows whether the user is blocked or unblocked, explained in section Section 7.2.3.

7.2.2 Deleting a User

To delete a user:

1. Select the user from the list.

2. Click on the Delete button.

3. Click on the Apply button, and the changes are saved.

7.2.3 Blocking a User

An alternative to deleting a user is blocking a user. This means that the user's name and password is stored, but the user can't access the system. Check Block to block a user. Uncheck Block to allow the user access.

7.3 Administration > Switch Configuration

Assign unique names to the servers connected to the ServSwitch Multiuser, so that users accessing the system can identify the servers easily.

Follow the steps below:

1. From the menu, click Switch Configuration. The Switch Configuration window appears, see Figure 7-3.

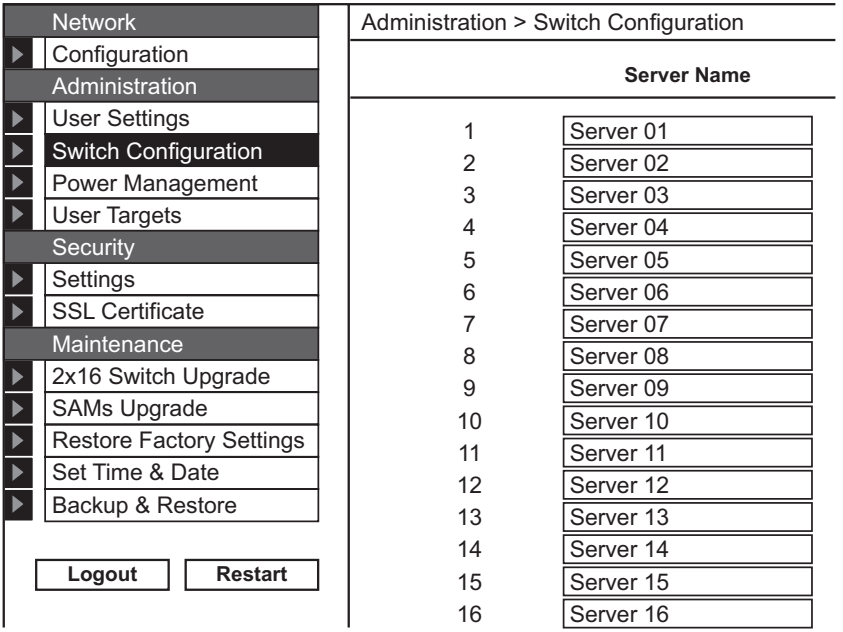


Figure 7-3. Switch Configuration screen.

2. In the Server Name section, change the name of the connected servers by selecting the server name and typing a new name. Click on the Apply button to save changes.

7.4 Administration > Power Management

Where you have a Serial Remote Power Switch (SRPS), connect it to the RPS port of the ServSwitch Multiuser.

NOTE: The Serial Remote Power Switch (SRPS) port is not supported with the currently released firmware at the time of this writing. This port is reserved for future use.

Configure the Power Management switch as follows:

1. From the menu, click Power Management. The Power Management window appears, see Figure 7-4.

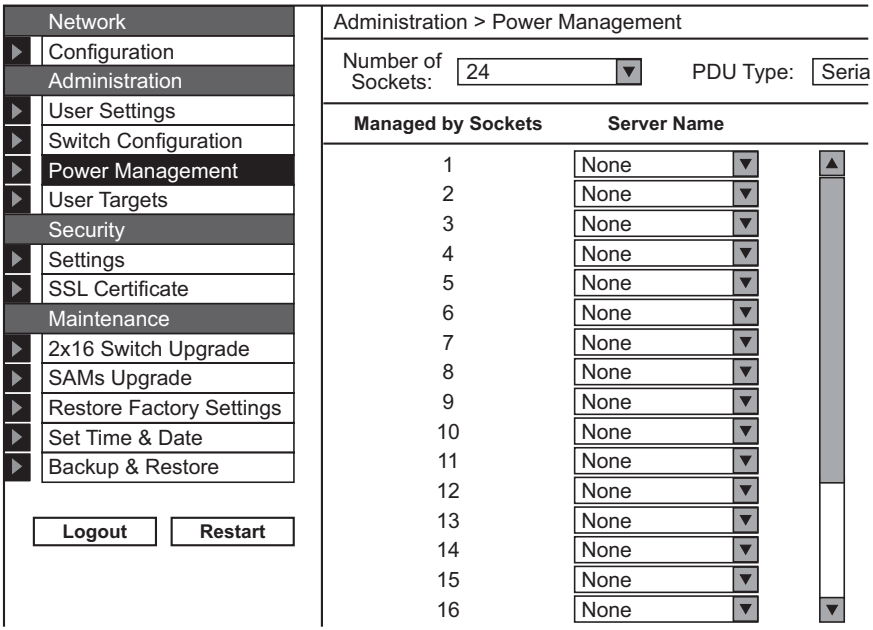


Figure 7-4. Power Management screen.

2. Select the number of sockets on the power management switch in the Number of Sockets drop-down menu (SRPS has 8).

3. Click on the Apply button. The appropriate number of Managed by Sockets and Server Name drop-down menus appear.

4. Select the PDU type (default is SRPS).

5. Match the sockets to the servers. For each socket, select the server name connected to it from the drop-down menu.

When there is a double or triple power supply, you need to assign multiple sockets to the same KVM port.

8. Administration > User Targets

Define the access rights of each user separately.

Follow these steps:

1. From the menu click User Targets. The User Targets Configuration window appears (see Figure 8-1).

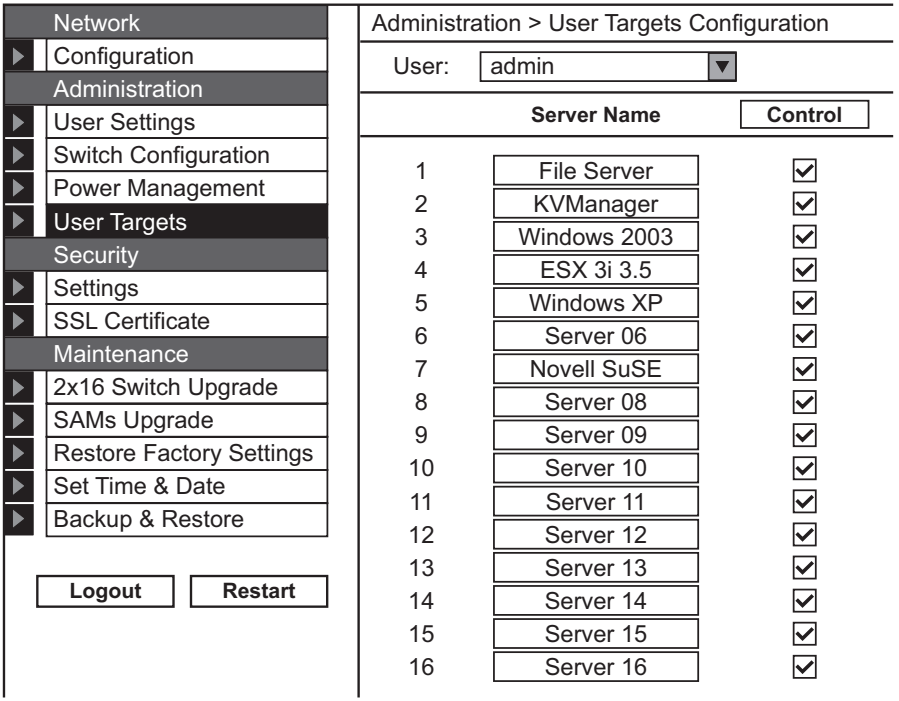


Figure 8-1. User Targets Configuration.

2. Select a user from the User drop-down menu.

3. Check the servers the user can access (according to his access permissions). To select all servers, press the Control button.

4. Click on the Apply button and the selection is saved.

5. Repeat the above steps for other users.

9. Security > Settings

Configure the security features, such as Account Blocking, Password Policy, and Idle Timeout, as explained below.

From the Security section, click on Settings. The Security Settings screen appears (see Figure 9-1).

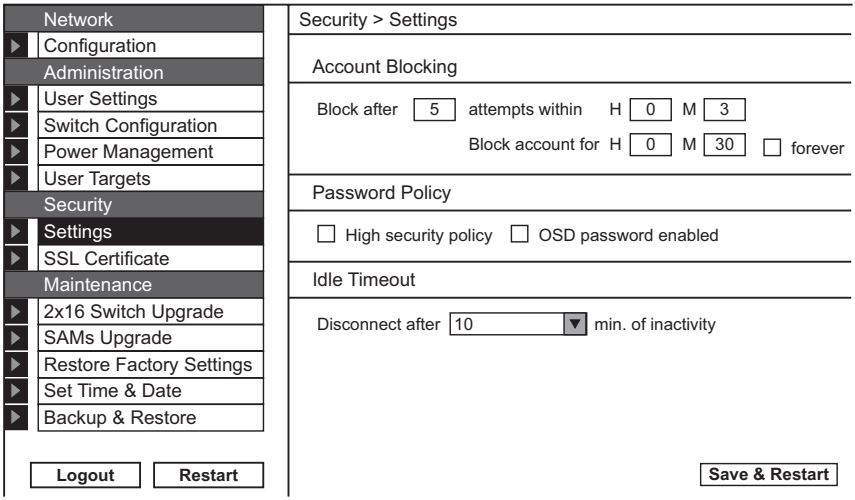


Figure 9-1. Security Settings screen.

The Security Settings fields include the following:

Account Blocking—decide on the number of attempts to login with a wrong username or password after which there is a time lock or a total block.

Password Policy—For OSD and Web configuration access you have the option of a standard or high security password level. Table 9-1 shows the parameters for the two options.

Table 9-1. Standard vs. high security password level.

Standard security policy	High security policy
6 characters or more	8 characters or more must include at least 1 digit and 1 upper case letter and 1 “special” character as follows !@#$%^*()_-+=[]’:;?/{}
Must not include the user name	Must not include the user name

Check the box to enable the high security password policy. Unchecked, the standard security policy applies.

OSD password enabled—Access to the OSD can be password enabled or disabled (default), with the option of a standard or high security level of password as explained above. Select the checkbox to enable password security. Note! All user and server security settings depend on the OSD password being enabled.

Idle Timeout—Select the Timeout inactivity period after which the user is disconnected from the system. Choose No Timeout to disable Timeout.

10. Security > SSL Certificate

You can install an SSL certificate.

To do so:

From the menu, select SSL Certificate. The install SSL Certificate page appears (see Figure 10-1).

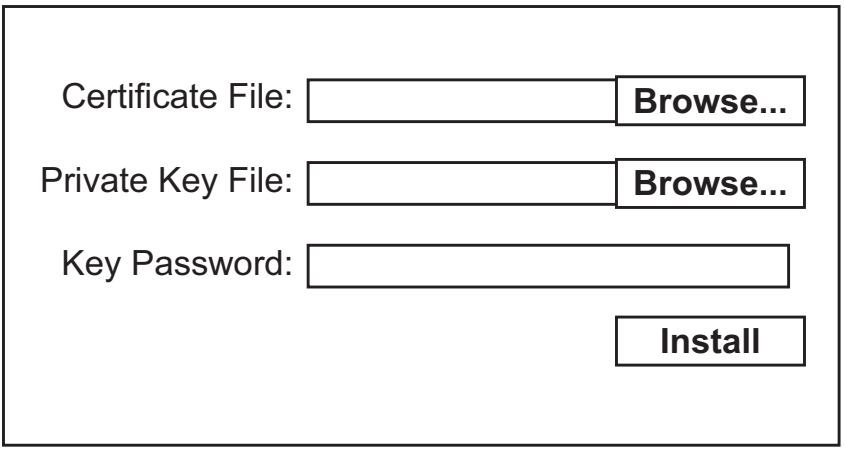


Figure 10-1. Install SSL Certificate page.

Certificate File—Browse to locate the cer file (.ssl format).

Private Key File—Browse to locate the private key file (.pem format).

Key Password—Type the Key password.

Click on the Install button. The certificate installs. The device restarts automatically.

11. Maintenance > Switch Upgrade

Upgrade the ServSwitch Multiuser firmware to take advantage of new features. Download the firmware from the Support section of Black Box's Web site: www.blackbox.com. Save the firmware file on the Client computer.

From the menu, select Switch Upgrade. The Upgrade window appears showing the current firmware version (see Figure 11-1).

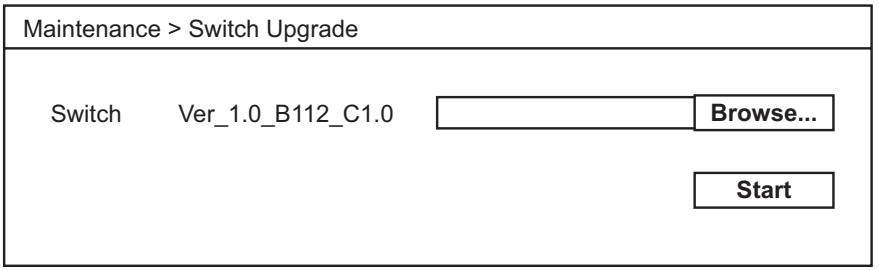


Figure 11-1. Firmware Upgrade.

1. Locate and upload the firmware file.
2. Click on the Start button. The upgrade starts. The unit reboots automatically. After about 5 minutes the Login page appears.

12. Maintenance > SAMs Upgrade

Upgrade the SAM firmware to take advantage of new features. Download the firmware from the Support section of Black Box's Web site—www.blackbox.com. Save the firmware file on the Client computer.

1. From the menu select SAMs Upgrade. The SAMs Upgrade window appears showing the current firmware version see Figure 12-1.
2. Select the servers connected to the SAMs you wish to upgrade. Click on the All button to select all.
3. Verify the current version of the firmware by pressing the Version button.
4. Locate and upload the firmware file.
5. Press the Start button and the firmware upgrades.

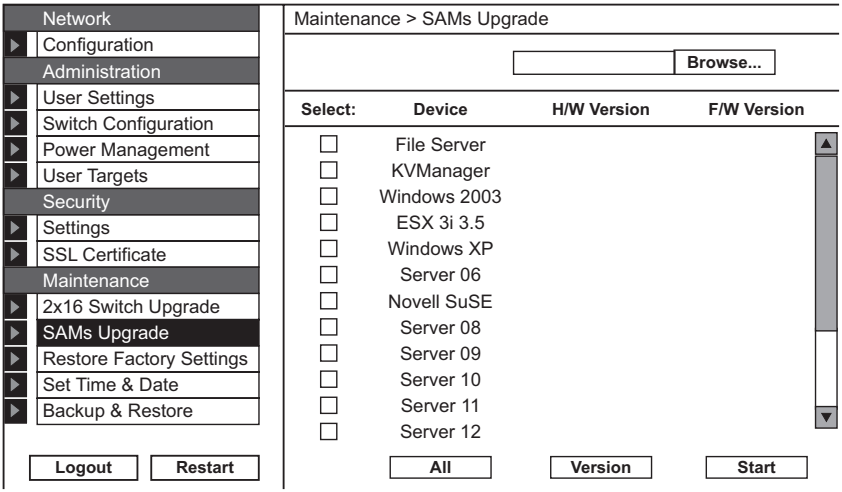


Figure 12-1. SAMs Upgrade.

13. Restore Factory Settings

You can restore the ServSwitch Multiuser unit to the factory settings. This restores the original ServSwitch parameters, resetting all the information added by the administrators, including network settings*, servers, users, and passwords.

* You have the option to preserve network settings—this is explained below.

WARNING: Once reset the data cannot be retrieved.

To restore factory settings:

1. From the menu select Restore Factory Settings. Restore Factory Settings appears. See Figure 13-1.

Figure 13-1. Restore factory settings.

2. Check the box if you want to preserve Network settings.
3. Click on the Restore button. The unit restarts.

14. Set Time & Date

The time and date set is used when recording log events (see Chapter 17).

To set the time and date:

From the menu, select Time & Date. Figure 14-1 appears.

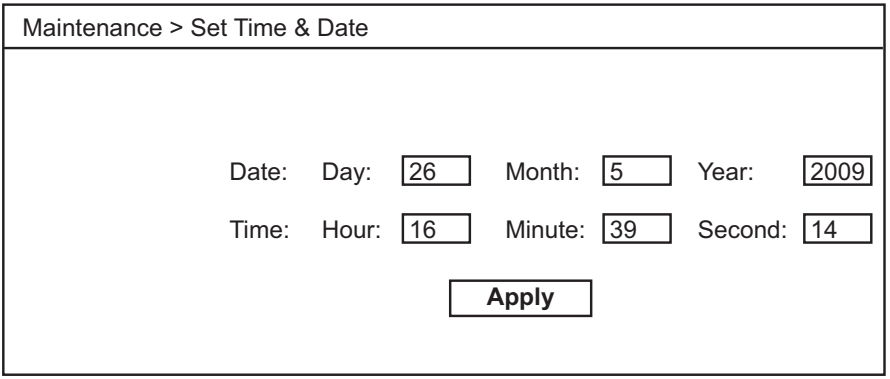


Figure 14-1. Set Time & Date screen.

Type the appropriate parameters and double-click on the Apply button.

15. Backup & Restore

You can backup all configuration data and restore it at a later date. From the menu select Backup & Restore. Figure 15-1 appears.

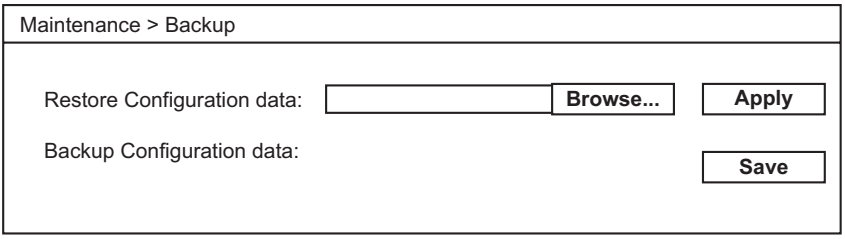


Figure 15-1. Backup & Restore.

To backup the configuration data, click on the Save button to save the file.

To restore the configuration data, browse to locate the file and click on the Apply button. The device restarts.

16. Saving Changes and Logging Out

To save any configuration changes, click on the relevant button on the current page. This could be the Save & Restore button or just the Apply button.

To restart the ServSwitch press the Restart button.

To exit the Configuration menu and close the session, click on the Logout button.

Only one Administrator can log into the Configuration area at a time. After the idle Timeout—see Chapter 9—the session terminates.

17. Event Log

To see a log of all system events:

From the Targets page menu (see Figure 6-1), select Event Log. The following screen appears.

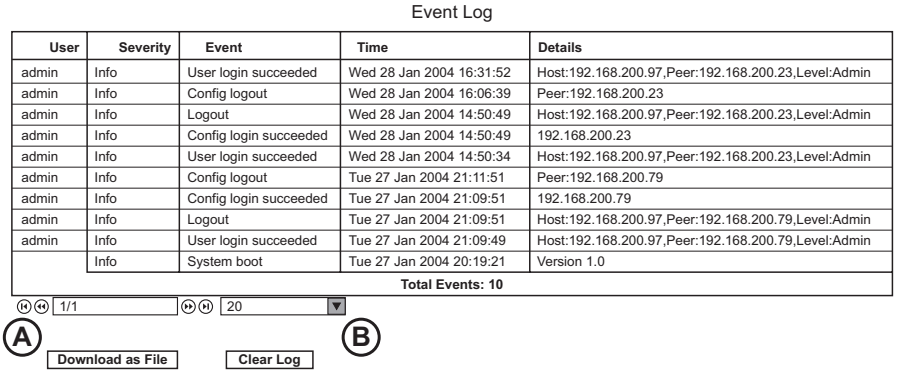


Figure 17-1. Events log screen.

Navigate through the events pages using the forward or backward arrows, marked as (A) in Figure 17-1.

From the drop down menu, marked as (B) in Figure 17-1, choose the number of events that will appear on each page—between 10 and 40.

17.1 Downloading the log

You can download and save the log.

To do so, click on the Download as File button and save as a .csv file. The file can be viewed using Microsoft Excel or compatible software.

17.2 Clearing the Log

To clear the log, click on the Clear Log button. A prompt appears asking if you first want to save the log.

18. Operating the System via the OSD

To display the OSD:

1. From the local keyboard, press the left Shift key twice. The OSD Main window appears. See Figure 18-1.

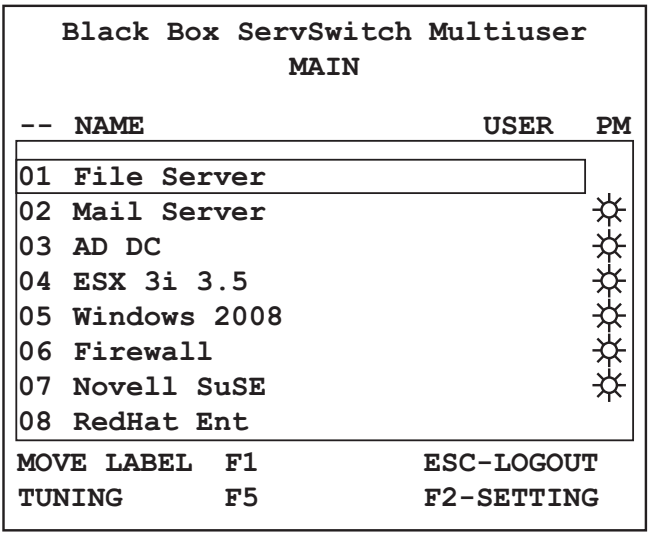


Figure 18-1. OSD Main window.

18.1 Navigating the OSD Main Window

To navigate up and down use the Up and Down arrow keys.

To exit the OSD press Esc.

18.2 Selecting a Computer

To select a computer:

1. Navigate to the desired computer line.

   Or, type the two-digit port number of the desired computer.

2. Press Enter. The selected computer is accessed. A confirmation label appears showing which computer is accessed.

18.3 Power Management Hotkey – Left Shift, F12

To power manage a server connected to a power management switch:

1. Navigate to the computer line you desire to power manage.

2. Press left Shift, F12. The Power Control dialog box appears, see Figure 18-2.

NOTE: If you change the OSD hotkey from Shift, Shift to Ctrl, Ctrl, then the power management hotkey becomes left Ctrl, F12.

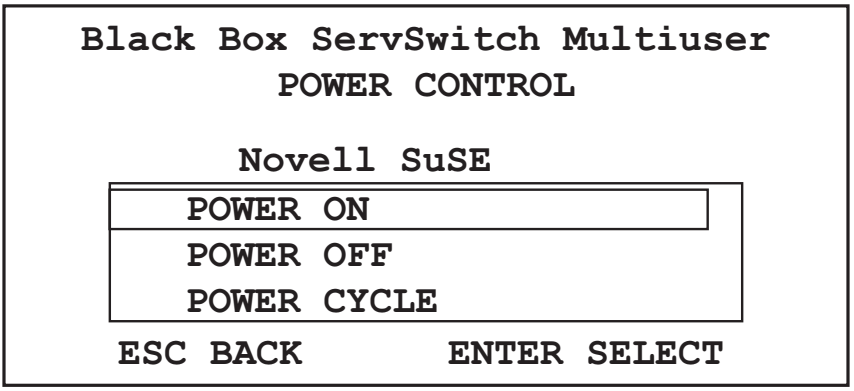


Figure 18-2. Power Control dialog box.

3. Use the arrow keys to navigate up and down and press Enter to select the power option.

4. A prompt appears; see Figure 18-3. Select the desired option and press Enter. The power command is sent.

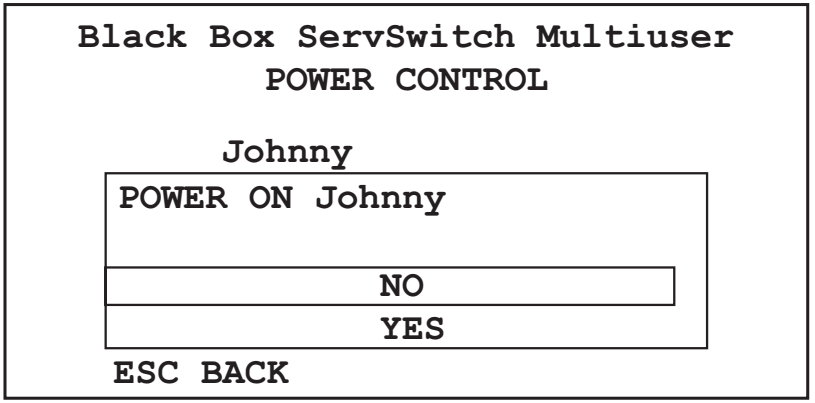


Figure 18-3. Power prompt.

18.4 Moving the Confirmation Label – F1

The confirmation label appears for 30 seconds. It shows which computer is currently accessed and can be positioned anywhere on the screen.

To position the label from the Main window:

1. Navigate to a computer line using the Up and Down arrow keys.

2. Press F1. The selected screen image and Confirmation label appear.

3. Use the arrow keys to move the label to the desired position.

4. Press Esc to save and exit.

18.5 Tuning – F5

You can tune the image of any computer screen from the Main window.

To adjust the screen image:

1. Navigate to the computer line you wish to adjust.

2. Press F5. The screen image of the selected computer appears, together with the Image Tuning label, see Figure 18-4.

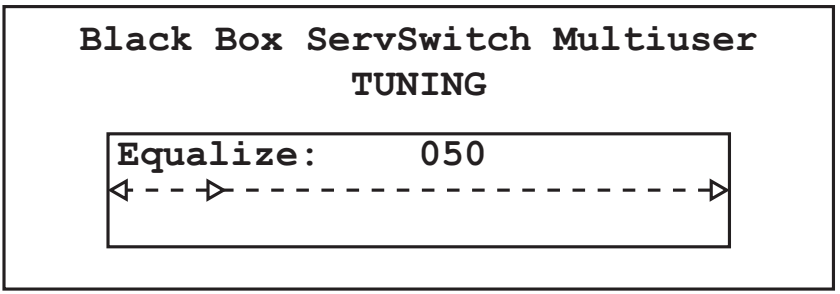


Figure 18-4. Image Tuning label.

3. Adjust the image by using the Right and Left Arrow keys.

4. When the image is satisfactory, press Esc.

NOTE: Picture quality is relative to distance. The further away a computer is from the Multiuser, the lower the image quality, and the more tuning is needed. So place the higher resolution computers closer to the Switch.

18.6 The Settings Window - F2

Press F2. The Settings window appears (see Figure 18-5).

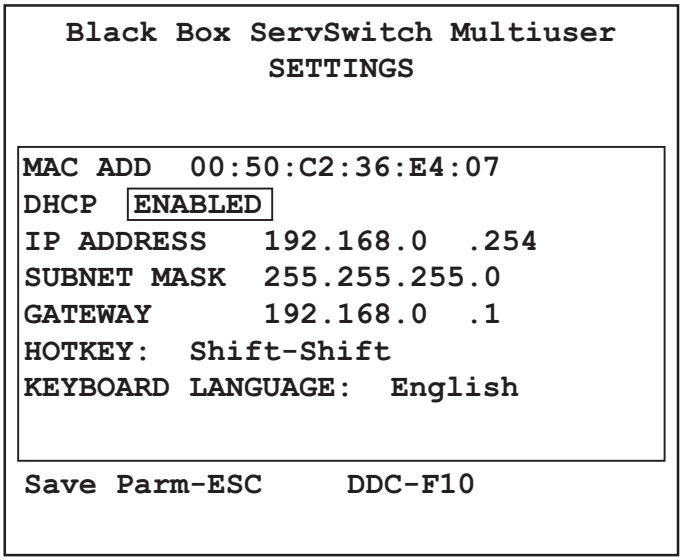


Figure 18-5. Settings window.

In the Settings window navigate downwards using the Tab key. At the bottom of the window, press Tab to go to the top of the window. Change settings by typing in the selected area or by pressing the spacebar—whichever is relevant.

Changing the network parameters from the OSD is explained with the initial configuration in Section 5.2.

From the Settings window you can do the following:

HOTKEY – By pressing Shift, Shift the OSD appears. You can replace Shift, Shift with any of the following:

- Ctrl, Ctrl
- Ctrl, F11
- Print Screen

Press the Spacebar to toggle between options.

To display the OSD press the new hotkey.

KEYBOARD LANGUAGE—Press the Spacebar to toggle between the language options. It can be changed to French or German.

18.7 DDC

Display Data Channel (DDC) is a VESA standard for communication between a monitor and a video adapter.

From the Settings window, input the DDC information of the monitor connected to the switch into the memories of all connected SAMs when first installing the system.

To input the DDC information:

Press F10. "Please wait" flashes a few times and disappears. The monitor's DDC information is sent to all SAMs and stored in their memory.

Updating the DDC information

Update the DDC information in any of the following circumstances:

- When replacing the monitor connected to the Multiuser
- When adding a new SAM to the system
- When reconnecting an existing SAM that was temporarily used in a different system

To update the DDC information, repeat the steps as described above.

18.8 Saving Changes to the Settings

To save changes to the settings and return to the Main window, press Esc.

19. Troubleshooting

19.1 Calling Black Box

If you determine that your ServSwitch Multiuser is malfunctioning, do not attempt to alter or repair the unit. It contains no user-serviceable parts. Contact Black Box Technical Support at 724-746-5500.

Before you do, make a record of the history of the problem. We will be able to provide more efficient and accurate assistance if you have a complete description, including:

- the nature and duration of the problem.
- when the problem occurs.
- the components involved in the problem.
- any particular application that, when used, appears to create the problem or make it worse.

19.2 Shipping and Packaging

If you need to transport or ship your ServSwitch Multiuser:

- Package it carefully. We recommend that you use the original container.
- If you are returning the unit, make sure you include everything you received with it. Before you ship for return or repair, contact Black Box to get a Return Authorization (RA) number.

Appendix. RPS (Remote Power Switching)

The remote power switch port pinning is shown in Table A-1. A RJ-12 to DB9 cable pinning is shown in Table A-2.

Table A-1. Remote power switch port pinning, **RJ-45** connector.

3 (TX)
4 (RX)
6 (GND)

To interface the RPS port with a computer's DB9 male serial port, you can use the following pinning for an RJ-12 to DB9 cable.

Table A-2. RJ-12 to DB9 cable pinning.

RJ-11 male	DB9 female
2 (TX)	2 (RX)
3 (RX)	3 (TX)
5 (GND)	5 (GND)

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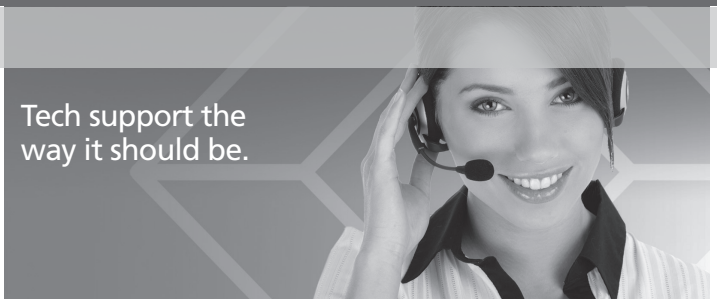

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